

Lets all welcome two recent members to our British car community.

Tom and Marian Wade are a part of our Villages contingency. Originally from Wakefield, Rhode Island they made the move to our warmer climate in 2003.

Tom, we've heard, has spent most of his working years in Rhode Island's Probation and Parole System. No, he's not a convicted felon but a former administrator for the system. So while Tom was doing time (at work), Marian was busy as the Food Services Manager and Chef for Textron Inc..

Wow, a chef, the only food I get from my wife comes in a sectioned tray with a cardboard lid.

Tom and Marian now spend their time enjoying their cars and travel, Marian is also a fan of scapbooking and opera. Tom said he also enjoys opera but it all sounds like Italian to him.

Tom has been into British cars since 1966. When Tom's daily commuter car died, he replaced it with a \$600. 62MGA. This man has no fear, who else would relie on an MGA as a daily driver in Rhode Island winters.

In 1990 the British car bug struck again, Tom restored a 77 MGB, sold it and then replenished his inventory with a

71 B-GT and a 71 B roadster. Both of these were rehabbed and released to new owners.

Now, tucked away in their garage is their latest bit of British Art, a 2002 Aspen Green Jag XK-8.

Sure its got a sleek and sensual body and great interior but this cat has claws. With 32 valves and a 290 hp.

Aluminum V-8 it will pounce from 0-60mph in a click over 6 secs and is capable of top-down cruising at a computer

limited 155 mph. "The car of his dreams"

Thanks for coming over from the Villages, we're glad you're here.